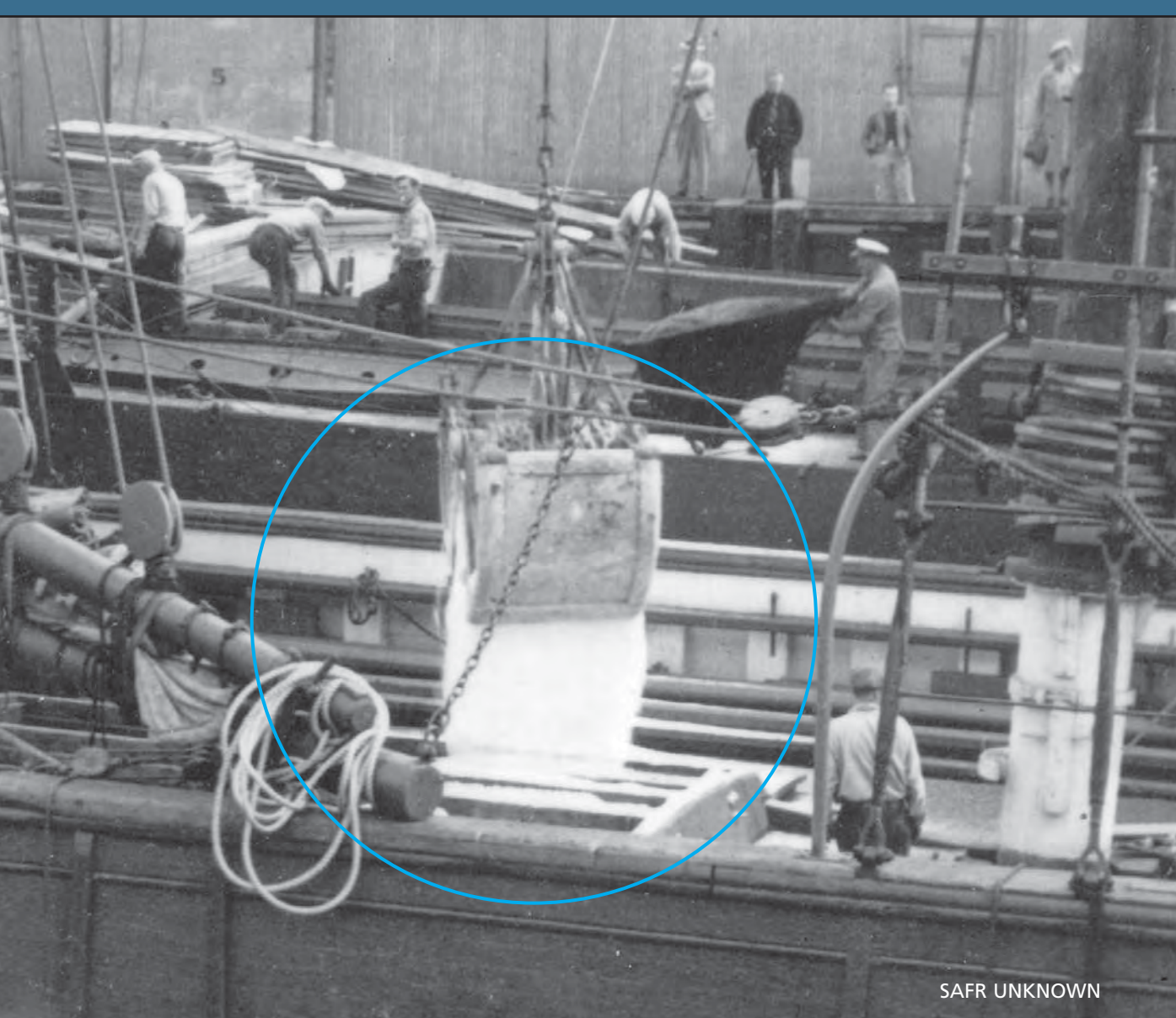
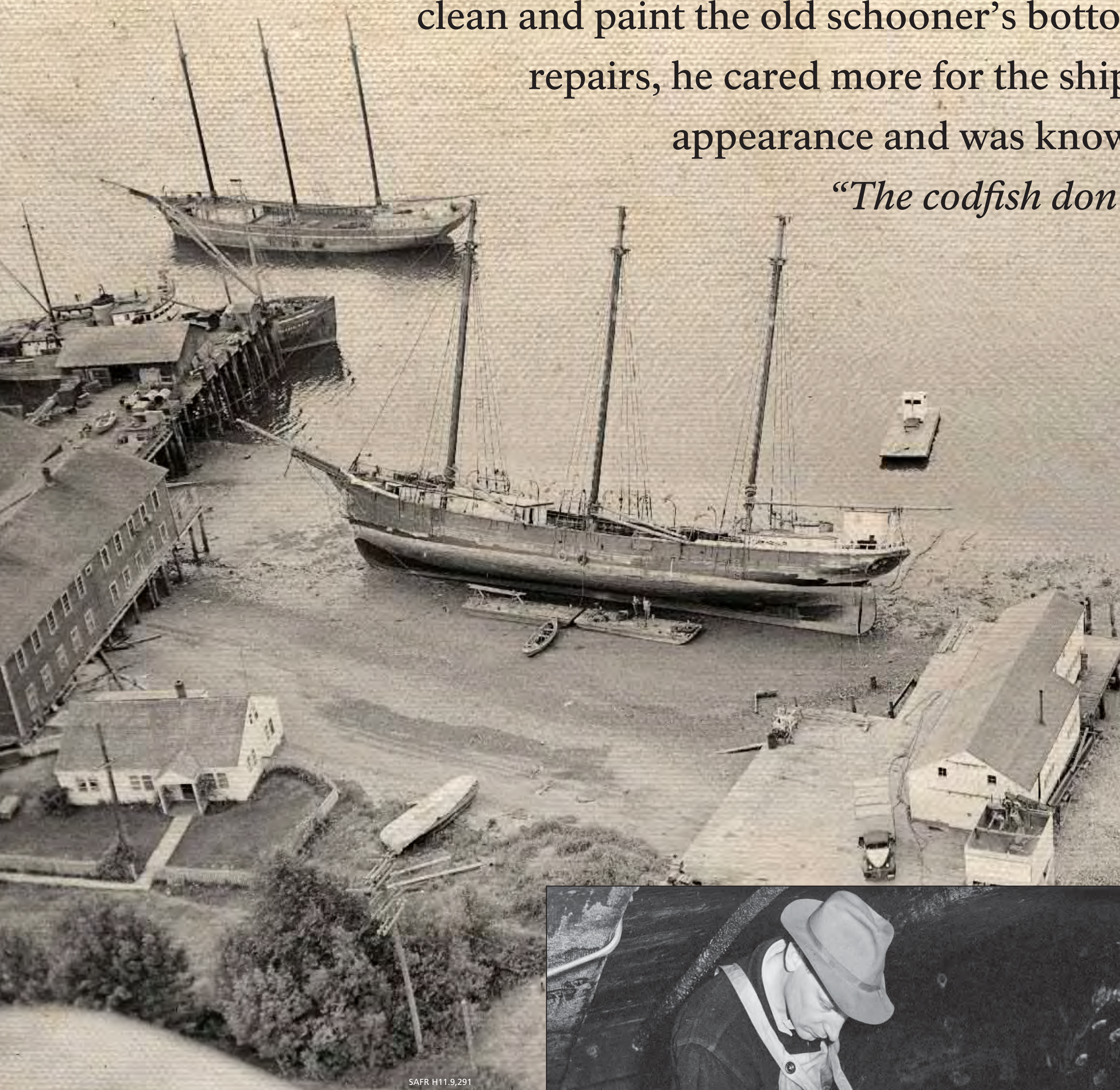


C.A. THAYER CODFISH Schooner 1925-1950

Careened for bottom painting, *C.A. Thayer* lies on the beach at her home port in Poulsbro, Washington. Captain J.E. Shields employed this ancient and economical technique to clean and paint the old schooner's bottom. When making repairs, he cared more for the ship's survival than her appearance and was known to comment, "*The codfish don't care.*"



Salt Preserved More than Cod

Prior to sailing, salt was loaded into the hold for preserving the catch. Fortunately the salt also pickled *Thayer's* hull, helping to preserve her into the 21st century. The National Park Service continues to preserve and restore this National Landmark vessel, the last of her kind.



Salting the Cod

Archie Shields, son of Captain J.E. Shields, handled the vital job of salting down the cod as they came into the hold.

Thayer's Last Captain, Ed Shields

Ed also worked on his father's schooner and years later became *Thayer's* last captain. He made a film of her last voyage in 1950. Captain Ed Shields (right) visited *Thayer* at Hyde Street Pier and shared stories of his cod-fishing years prior to his death in 2002.



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